

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Impact of E.O. 12036 on the Role of the Office
of Legislative Counsel (U)

1. (U) Action Requested: Your approval of the attached memorandum to NFIP Program Managers. The recent expansion of your responsibilities as the Director of Central Intelligence is already impacting on this Office, and requires a re-evaluation of its role in Community matters. This memorandum recommends additional missions for OLC.

2. (U) Background: The Office of Legislative Counsel has always served the DCI in all of his functions relating to Congress. These have included being the principal spokesman on national intelligence judgments, presenting and justifying the overall size and shape of the NFIP budget, acting as principal spokesman for the Community on legislative matters of common concern, and serving as a focal point for congressional investigations which touch on or require the assistance of the Intelligence Community.

3. (U) The enhancement of your coordination and management roles under E.O. 12036 will increase the coordination role of this Office with the Legislative Counsels throughout the Intelligence Community. These relationships have existed for some time but they may need to be somewhat more formally institutionalized than they have been in the past.

4. (U) The precise degree to which you may need to increase central authority is probably best left to the outgrowth of actual experience under the new E.O. Nevertheless, there are some steps that can and should be taken now to improve the coordination process.

5. (U) Staff Position: OLC should be doing more to improve your knowledge of what congressional contacts are taking place throughout the Community, what positions are being developed by Community members on legislative matters, and what avenues are available throughout the Community for providing of substantive

intelligence to Congress. To do these things, it will be necessary to establish more formal coordination procedures than have existed to date. We believe we can start now on two significant matters; (1) the centralization of information about legislative and other congressional functions, and (2) the formation of a Community-wide effort to find further ways of improving Community coordination of congressional relations. These procedures will become increasingly important in the context of charter legislation as we develop coordinated positions within one Community and for presentation to the Congress.

6. (U) Recommendation: It is recommended that you approve the attached memorandum addressed to all NFIP Program Managers. This will: (1) put them on notice that you intend some strengthening of your congressional liaison functions, (2) establish some basic centralization of information, and, (3) invite them to participate in further developments in this area.



Attachment

APPROVAL:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DISAPPROVAL:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date